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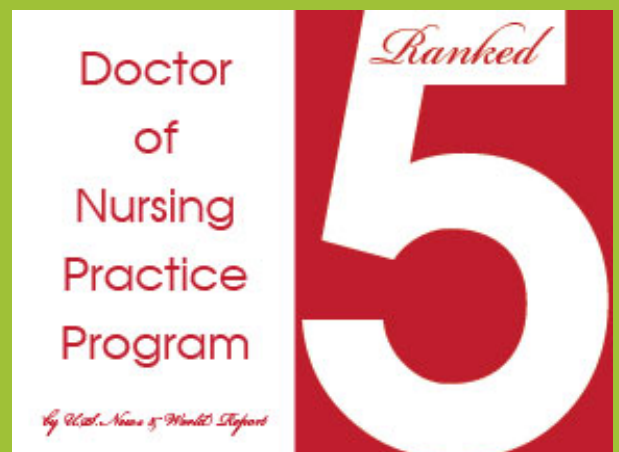
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April 2016

DNP Program Ranked No. 5 in U.S. News & World Report's First-Ever DNP Rankings

UMSON's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is ranked No. 5 in the *U.S. News & World Report's* inaugural DNP rankings. Additionally, UMSON is ranked No. 8 among all accredited graduate nursing programs. Three UMSON master's specialties/options are ranked in the top five in the 2017 edition of

"America's Best Graduate Schools." The Clinical Nurse Leader option and Nursing Informatics specialty remain at No. 1 and the Administration specialty remains at No. 5. Other UMSON specialties ranked in the top 10 include the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, and Family Nurse Practitioner specialties, which are each ranked at No. 8; the Nurse Anesthesia specialty is No. 10. [Read more.](#)



10th Anniversary Celebration of Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare

On Friday, March 18, **Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN**; **Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN**, associate professor and associate dean for the PhD Program; **Shannon Idzik, DNP '10, CRNP, FAANP**, associate professor and associate dean for the DNP Program; and **Irene Akande**, DNP student and Jonas Nurse



Leader Scholar, traveled to New York City to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare. During the event, Barbara and Donald Jonas, who raised more than \$600,000 in support of 60 Jonas Nurse Leader Scholars, were recognized for their monumental contributions to the field of nursing and

for their pledge to fund nursing education through 2028.

Photo: Irene Akande, Meg Johantgen, and Shannon Idzik at the 10th anniversary celebration

UMSON Receives \$750,000 Gift from Alumna Mary Catherine Bunting

Baltimore benefactor Mary Catherine Bunting, MS '72, CRNP, RN, has gifted UMSON \$750,000 to support the development and implementation of a new, three-year community public health initiative in collaboration with the Maryland Family Network. This partnership will focus on improving overall health and environmental health within Early Head Start and Head Start Centers in Baltimore City. [Read more.](#)

USG Receives Equipment and Materials Award

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) has received a \$108,436.42 Maryland Clinical Simulation Resource Consortium Equipment and Materials Award. Through the award, USG will receive a new model birthing bed, wound care models, portable two-way mirror panels, a mobile medication station, programmable thermometers, and programmable stethoscopes and auscultation trainers to assess heart, lung, and bowel sounds. These items will be used to enhance learning through simulated technology at the USG location. [Read more.](#)

Neonatal Nurse Education in Liberia

Office of Global Health Director **Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD '11, MS '05, BSN '04, CRNP-Neonatal**, assistant professor, and **Beth Barrows, MS '13, BSN '05, RN**, clinical instructor, traveled to Monrovia, Liberia, in late February to conduct neonatal nurse education at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital. The program was designed and conducted in collaboration with UMSON partner nursing school Mother Patern College of Health Sciences of Monrovia. The program was funded by Catholic Relief Services. St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital lost nine staff members to Ebola during the 2014-2015 outbreak.



Welcome New Staff

Ginger Pritchett, AA, has joined the Office of Student and Academic Affairs as an academic program specialist. Prior to joining UMSON, Ginger served as a communications operator at Saint Agnes Hospital in Baltimore and as an administrative assistant with Swift Staffing. Ginger holds an Associate of Arts degree from the University of Phoenix and is working toward her bachelor's degree in social science at the University of Maryland University College.

Jean (Jill) Sullivan, MA, has joined the Department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice as an academic program specialist. Prior to joining UMSON, Jill served as a foreign language teacher with Baltimore County Public Schools and as a program assistant at Loyola University in Baltimore. Jill holds master's degree in education from the Notre Dame of Maryland University and a bachelor's degree in art history from Wheaton College.

EVENTS

Reunion 2016 - Register Online Today!
Saturday, April 16



8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130

It's not too late to register for Reunion 2016, which will honor undergraduate classes ending in "1" or "6" and all graduates who earned a master's degree through UMSON's Clinical Nurse Leader option. Come to Baltimore to reunite with classmates! [Click here for more information or to register online.](#) To volunteer for the planning committee, contact Cynthia Sikorski, senior associate director of alumni relations, at alumni@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0674. [Click here to update your contact information.](#)



Home- and Community-Based Care: A Symposium for Health Professionals and Community Members

Monday, April 25

8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Southern Management Corporation Campus Center

Learn more about the forces shaping health care delivery and discover how home- and community-based care models are changing. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

50th Anniversary of the Community and Public Health Master's Specialty

September 16-17

4-6 p.m.

UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130

Save the date for the Community & Public Health Master's Specialty 50th anniversary celebration. The event will feature a lecture and reception on Friday, Sept. 16, followed by a program on Saturday, Sept. 17. [Click here for more information.](#) or contact Cynthia Sikorski at 410-706-0674 or alumni@son.umaryland.edu.

DNP Program 10th Anniversary

Thursday, October 6

4:30-6:30 p.m.

UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130

Save the date for the 10th anniversary celebration of UMSON's DNP program. The event will feature a speaker and panel discussion followed by a reception. Come back to Baltimore and network with fellow DNP alumni at this celebratory event! [Click here to learn more.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Karen McQuillan, MS '86, BSN '81, RN, CNS-BC, CNRN, FAAN, president, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, and clinical nurse specialist, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, was quoted in a *Nurse.com* article about a new study that confirms the link between healthy work environments and patient safety



Darlene Curley, MS '82, BSN '80, RN, FAAN, has been promoted to CEO of the Jonas Family Fund. She also serves as executive director of the Jonas Center. [Click here to read more.](#)



Lisa Rowen, DNSc, MS '86, RN, CENP, FAAN, has been named system chief nurse executive for the University of Maryland Medical System. She has served as senior vice president for patient care services and chief nursing officer (CNO) at the University of Maryland Medical Center since 2007, and in 2015, she was also

outcomes. [Click here to read more.](#)

appointed as CNO for the University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus. [Click here to read more.](#)

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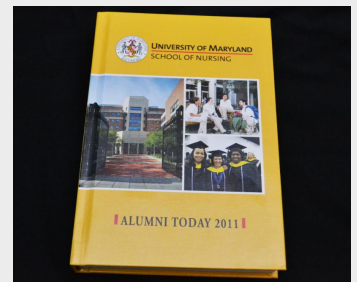
ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

Docents Needed for Living History Museum

The UMSON Living History Museum is seeking alumni volunteers to serve as docents. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday during the academic semesters. Docents are also needed for occasional special events, such school tours and open houses for new and prospective students. Scheduling is flexible. If you would like to volunteer, contact Cynthia Sikorski at alumni@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0674. [Learn more about the museum.](#)

New Alumni Directory Underway

The UMSON Alumni Association is working with Harris Connect on a new version of *Alumni Today*, previously updated in 2011. The publication contains comprehensive biographical listings with contact, career, and family information of our graduates. To ensure that our data is as current as possible, Harris Connect will contact alumni to verify that the information we will print is accurate and complete. Please help us make this publication full of the latest information about you and your fellow alumni.



KUDOS

Lily Fountain, MS, RN, CNM, assistant professor, was the recipient of the first place doctoral poster award in recognition of her outstanding presentation of innovative public health research at Public Health Research Day at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) on April 5. Lily is a PhD student at UMCP.

Photo: UMSON faculty members Lily Fountain, Lori Edwards, Jane Lipscomb, and Carla Storr



Erika Friedmann, PhD, professor and associate dean of research, and **Kathryn Lothschuetz Montgomery, PhD '97, RN, NEA-BC**, associate professor and chair, Department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice, co-authored the following publication:

Warren, J.I, Montgomery K Lothschuetz, & Friedmann, E. (2016) Three-Year Pre-Post Analysis of EBP Integration in a Magnet-Designated Community Hospital. *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing*, 13 (1) 50-58.

Marian Grant, DNP '10, RN, CRNP, associate professor, gave the following presentations:

A Year on the Hill: Nursing's Contributions to Shaping Policy. AACN Student Policy Summit, Washington, DC, March 2016.

Grant, Meier, Palliative Care: Is it at the National Policy Table or on the Menu? AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly, Chicago, IL, March 2016.

Grant also participated in a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute stakeholder workshop in Crystal City, Va., where she was chair of the Models of Care Delivery breakout session, "Prioritizing Comparative Effectiveness Research Questions for Patient-Centered Palliative Care Delivery for Adult Patients with Advanced Illnesses and Their Caregivers."

Veronica Gutchell, DNP '13, RN, CNS, CRNP, assistant professor, participated in the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE) spring 2016 evaluator training. After training, evaluators serve on CCNE accreditation review teams.

Bea Himmelwright-Lamm, EdD, RN, assistant professor, was featured as a success story on the [National](#)

[AHEC Organization website](#) for the following presentation:

Himmelwright-Lamm, B. (2016). You are Key to HPV Cancer Prevention. Oral Presentation: What's New in Western Maryland, March 16.

Ann Hoffman, MS '11, RN, CNE, clinical instructor, and **Nicole Smith, MS '14, RN, CNE**, clinical instructor, passed the National League of Nursing's certification exam and are now certified nurse educators.

Veronica Njie-Carr, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FWACN, assistant professor, co-authored the following publication:

Himelhoch, S., & Njie-Carr, V. (2016). "God Loves Me No Matter How I Am": A Phenomenological Analysis of the Religious and Spiritual Experiences of HIV-Infected African-American Women with Depression. *Journal of Mental Health, Religion and Culture*.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13674676.2016.1138934>

Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor, has been awarded a five-year, \$1,602,489 R01 grant from the National Institute on Aging for her project, "Dissemination and Implementation of Function Focused Care for Assisted Living." The study will test the dissemination and implementation of a theory-based care management approach across 96 assisted living settings in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

Kathryn VonRueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor, co-authored the following publication:

Sullivan, S., VonRueden, K.T. (2016). Using procalcitonin in septic shock to guide antibiotic therapy. *Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing*. 35(2):66-73.

VonRueden also gave the following presentation:

VonRueden K.T., Thurman, P.T., Bardakh, M., Gelston, K., et al. (2016). The Relationship of Compassion Fatigue, Burnout, and Unprofessional Behavior in a Level 1 Urban Trauma Center. Oral and Poster Research Presentation: Society of Trauma Nurses National Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

Debra Wiegand, PhD, RN, CCRN, CHPN, FAHA, FPCN, FAAN, associate professor, has been elected to the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Board of Directors. She will serve a three-year term. [Read more.](#)

DNP student (Nurse Anesthesia specialty) **Katy Woods, BSN, RN**, co-authored the following text book:

Kee, J.L., Marshall, S.M, Woods, K., Forrester, M.C. (2017). *Clinical Calculations: With Applications to General and Specialty Areas, Eighth Edition*. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Inc.

PhD Student **Bo Kyum Yang** received a \$7,500 Research Grant Award from the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) at the 2016 SNRS conference in February. The award will be used to support her dissertation research, titled, "Impact of Nurse Practitioner Independent Prescriptive Authority on Psychotropic Medication Use in Medicaid-Insured Youth.

Photo: Ann Mech; Elizabeth Reifsnider, SNRS Grants Committee chair; and Bo Kyum Yang



IN THE NEWS

Subject: Ensuring Patients' End-of-Life Plans Aren't Lost in Critical Moments

Source: [The Spokesman-Review](#) and [The Philly Voice](#) - March 28

Summary: **Marian Grant** was quoted in the article, "Ensuring Patients' End-of-Life Plans Aren't Lost in Critical Moments."

Subject: Flint's Children on the Frontline of Water Crisis but Facts Hard to Come By

Source: [MSN.com](#) and [The Guardian](#) - March 27

Summary: **Pat McLaine** was quoted in the article, "Flint's Children on the Frontline of Water Crisis but Facts Hard to Come By."

Subject: Electronic Records Offer a Chance To Ensure Patients' End-Of-Life Plans Aren't Lost In Critical Moments

Source: [Dayton Daily News](#), [Register-Guard](#), [Kaiser Health News](#), and [The Advisory Board](#) - March 23

Summary: **Marian Grant** was quoted in the article, "Electronic Records Offer A Chance To Ensure Patients' End-Of-Life Plans Aren't Lost In Critical Moments."

Subject: MD Delegates Hear Concerns About UMB-UMCP Partnership

Source: [UMB News](#) - March 23

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "MD Delegates Hear Concerns About UMB-UMCP Partnership."

Subject: Coalition Pushes to Advance End-of-Life Planning, Care

Source: [Association of Healthcare Journalists](#) - March 23

Summary: **Marian Grant** was quoted in the article, "Coalition Pushes to Advance End-of-Life Planning, Care."

Subject: Electronic Records and End-of-Life Plans

Source: [USA Today](#) - March 19

Summary: **Marian Grant** was quoted in the article, "Electronic Records and End-of-Life Plans."

Subject: Hospitals Struggle with Security Risks

Source: [Risk & Insurance](#) - March 18

Summary: **Jane Lipscomb** was quoted in the article, "Hospitals Struggle with Security Risks ."

Subject: More Older Women Now Living With 'Moderate' Disability, Study Shows

Source: [U.S. News & World Report](#), [Philly.com](#), [Summit Medical Group](#), [staywellsolutionsonline.com](#), [EHE&me](#), and [Health.com](#) - March 17

Summary: **Barbara Resnick** was quoted in the article, "More Older Women Now Living With 'Moderate' Disability, Study Shows."

Subject: Some of the Top Schools in the U.S. News Best Graduate School Rankings 2017

Source: [U.S. News University Directory](#) and [Becker's Hospital Review](#) - March 16

Summary: The **School of Nursing** was mentioned in the article, "Some of the Top Schools in the U.S. News Best Graduate School Rankings 2017 ."

Subject: School of Nursing Ranked No. 8 by U.S. News & World Report

Source: [UMB News](#) - March 16

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "School of Nursing Ranked No. 8 by U.S. News & World Report."

Subject: 2017 Best Graduate Schools

Source: [U.S. News & World Report](#) - March 16

Summary: The **School of Nursing** was listed in the article, "2017 Best Graduate Schools."

Subject: Combined University of Maryland Would Keep Separate Presidents Under Revised Bill

Source: [Baltimore Sun](#) - March 9

Summary: The **School of Nursing** was referred to in the article, "Combined University of Maryland Would Keep Separate Presidents Under Revised Bill."

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